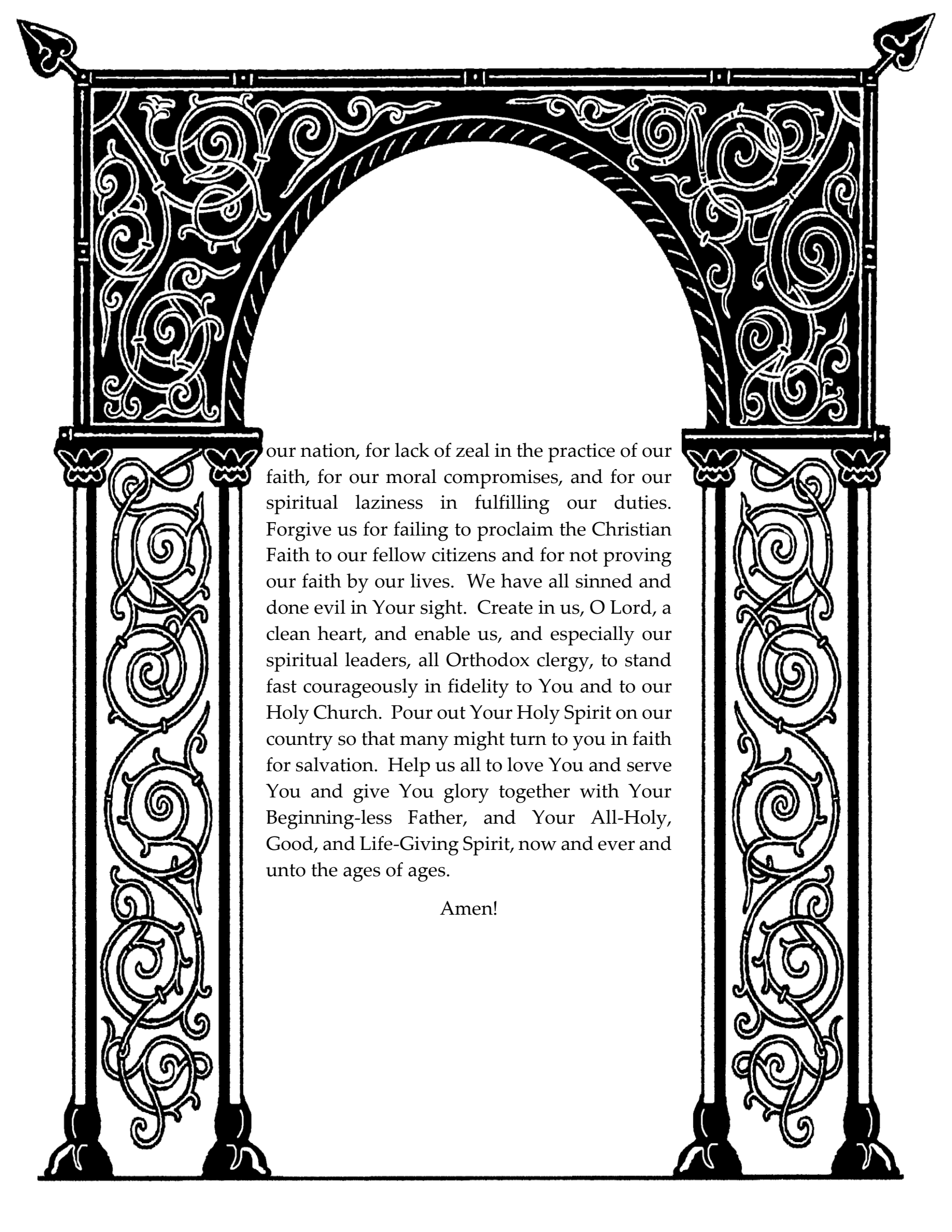


A PRAYER FOR OUR
COUNTRY DURING A TIME
OF CIVIL UNREST

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Lord, have mercy on our Country, the United States of America. Grant us peace and tranquility in this time of civil unrest, violence, and destruction. Bring an end, we pray to anger and hatred. Root out all racism, bigotry, and animosity from our hearts. Help us to cooperate with one another for the good of all. Grant that we might live in accordance with the founding principles of this Republic, especially equality, justice, and freedom. Have mercy on our President, our Governor, and all in civil authority and public service in our Country. Protect them. Shelter them from the influence of evil; grant them a measure of the fear of You; guide them to fulfill their tasks to Your glory. Enable them to uphold Your righteousness, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do right. Inspire our leaders and all those in law enforcement to conduct themselves ethically, and to act according to divine principles and not according to the whims and pleasures of sinners. Give us wise and righteous leaders. Help our leaders show respect for all and especially for the indigent, the marginalized, the unborn, and those who cannot defend themselves. Forgive all of us, O Savior, for our complicity in the moral woes of

A decorative archway with intricate scrollwork and floral patterns. The arch is supported by two pillars, also decorated with scrollwork. The entire structure is rendered in black and white line art.

our nation, for lack of zeal in the practice of our faith, for our moral compromises, and for our spiritual laziness in fulfilling our duties. Forgive us for failing to proclaim the Christian Faith to our fellow citizens and for not proving our faith by our lives. We have all sinned and done evil in Your sight. Create in us, O Lord, a clean heart, and enable us, and especially our spiritual leaders, all Orthodox clergy, to stand fast courageously in fidelity to You and to our Holy Church. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on our country so that many might turn to you in faith for salvation. Help us all to love You and serve You and give You glory together with Your Beginning-less Father, and Your All-Holy, Good, and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

Amen!